IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE COLUMBIA DIVISION

ARTHUR JAY HIRSCH,)
Plaintiff,)
v.) No. <u>1:14-cv-00106</u>) TRIAL BY JURY DEMANDED
PATRICIA B. McGUIRE, individually and in her) TRIAL BY JUNY DEMANDED
official capacity as General Sessions Court)
Judge, Lawrence County, Tennessee; MIKE C.)
BOTTOMS, individually and in his official)
capacity as District Attorney General, Lawrence)
County, Tennessee; CALEB BAYLES,)
individually and in his official capacity as)
Assistant District Attorney General, Lawrence)
County, Tennessee; BRENT COOPER,)
individually and in his official capacity as)
Assistant District Attorney General, Lawrence)
County, Tennessee; CHRISTI L. THOMPSON,)
individually and in her official capacity as)
Assistant District Attorney General, Lawrence)
County, Tennessee; JIM WHITE, individually)
and in his official capacity as Assistant District)
Attorney General, Lawrence County,	
Tennessee; JEFF REED, individually and in)
his official capacity as Tennessee State)
Trooper; and WAYNE SELLERS, individually)
and in his official capacity as Tennessee)
Highway Patrol Dist. 7 Commander,)
)
Defendants)

MOTION TO DISMISS PLAINTIFF'S AMENDED COMPLAINT

Comes now the Defendant, JUDGE PATRICIA MCGUIRE, by and through counsel, and pursuant to Rule 12(b)(6) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, hereby moves this Court to dismiss the Plaintiff's Amended Complaint against her in its entirety, as the Plaintiff's Amended

Complaint alleges no new facts that would state a claim upon which relief may be granted.

Defendant asserts that her previously filed Motion to Dismiss Plaintiff's initial complaint is still appropriate. In support hereof, Defendant states as follows:

- 1. Plaintiff's claims against Lawrence County General Sessions Judge, Patricia McGuire, arise from the performance of Defendant's judicial duties.
- 2. Defendant is entitled to absolute judicial immunity from civil suits, including those brought pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983, for monetary damages, arising out of the performance of her judicial duties.
- 3. To the extent Plaintiff sues Defendant in her official capacity, Defendant is entitled to sovereign immunity under the Eleventh Amendment. Should this Court find Defendant is a county official, such claims must fail because Plaintiff does not allege the existence of any county-wide custom or policy that gave rise to his claims against Defendant.
- 4. Plaintiff's claims against Defendant McGuire are barred by the doctrine of abstention, as the State's criminal charges against Plaintiff are still on-going.
- 5. Defendant incorporates by reference her previously filed Memorandum of Law in support of her Motion to Dismiss.

Wherefore, premises considered, Defendant, JUDGE PATRICIA MCGUIRE, prays that this Court dismiss Plaintiff's Amended Complaint with prejudice for failure to state a claim upon which relief may be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

BATSON NOLAN PLC

By: /s/ Mark Nolan Mark Nolan, BPR No. 015859 Counsel for Defendant McGuire 121 South Third Street Clarksville, Tennessee 37040 (931) 647-1501

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing has been delivered to the following persons via the Court's electronic filing system or other appropriate means:

VIA REGULAR MAIL

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on this 2nd day of October, 2014.

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By: <u>/s/ Mark Nolan</u>